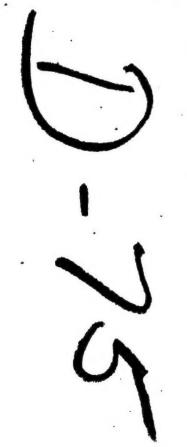
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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French Municipal Police.

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I have the honour to seed you herewith a copy of a report submitted by my Detective Service in connection with the fire in the Bo. 2 Lame 146 Boute dee Squre and in the course of which Mrs. Slausing, wife of an American officer, met her death.

(Sgd.) Piori.

To Captain Barrett, Commissioner of Police,

S. H. P.

Criminal Investigation Department, Second Division.

Shenghei,

February 26, 1929.

Inspector Bardy to the Chief of the Criminal Investigation Desartment.

I have the bonour to report that at about 2 a.m. Pebruary 25/4 a fire breke set in the Be. 2 Lame 746/A houte des Sosurs. The Fire Brigade was informed at 2.34 a.m. and quickly proceeded to the place where they found flames emerging from several windows of reams on the second story of the house, west cerner. After the making the sustemary dispositions, the firemen made use of a ladder and gained access to the place on fire, it having been reported that a child was there. Mr. Boyers placed a handkerchief in his mouth and without hesitation entered the place. He succeeded in approaching a bed which was in flames and by groping he assertained that a body one lying on it. He carefully took it into his arms and carried it through the flames to an adjoining vermidah. Following upon an inquiry, it was established that the person who had been taken from the burning room was Mrs. Clausing, wife of an American officer of the Army of Occupation of Shanghai and who was living at the address given above.

After 8 hours of work, the firemen, under the direction of their chief Hr. Chapeaux, overeme the flames. The demage dame is rather serious and is not covered by insurance. The premises were used as a beardinghouse by Hr. Poliak. The causes of the fire have not been entirely ascertained and appeared to have been assidental. The inquiry has not revealed anything definite.

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The body of Mrs. Classing was reseved to the Mortuary of the Humisipal Bospital where Br. Velliet made medicallegal emmination. He has issued a sertificate for burial which he has personally handed to Lieutemant Evens Fordyce Carlson who attended the constnation with the Police. In the evening Min body was removed to the Pearon Boad Mertuary, Intermational Settlement.

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The causes of the fire could not be definitely assertained during the preliminary investigation. The Presch Police, who have no complaint wintever, were not in a position to interregate the person responsible for the accident. As he is an American officer un inquiry has been opened by a Judge of at the American Court.



GARDE MUNICIPALE

No 205/A.

COMPIDENTIBLE

Le Chef de la Garde

i Monsieur le Capitaine BARRETT

Commissioner of Police

Shanghai Municipal Police

J'ai l'honneur de vous faire parvenir, cijoint, la copie d'un rapport établi par mon Service
de Sûreté, à la suite de l'incendie survenu au H° 2
Passage I46 Route des Sceurs, et dans lequel a péri
Mme CIAUSING, femme d'un Officier Américain.

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L'inspecteur BARDY à monsieur le Chef de la Sûreté,

"ai l'honneur de vous rendre compte que dans la nuit . du 23 au 24 Février, vers 2 heures du matin, un incendie a Eclaté au Nº 2 Passage 146 A. Route des sceurs. Les pompiers alertés à 2 h.24, se sont rapidement rendus sur les lieux et ont constaté que des flammes jaillissaient de plusieurs fenêtres des pièces situées au deuxième étage de la maison et sises à l'angle Quest. Après avoir pris les dispositions d'usage, les pompiers ont appliqué une échelle et ont pu avoir accès au lieu incendié, un enfant y ayant été signalé. Mr. RUYERE a mis un mouchoir sur sa bouche et sans hésitation y a pénétré. Il a réussi à s'approcher du lit qui brûlait et, à tâtons, a pu se rendre compte qu'un cadavre y gisait. Précautionneusement il l'a pris dans ses bras et au milieu des flammes a pu le transporter sur une véranda attenante. Par la suite et l'enquête, il fut établi que la personne qui avait été retirée de la chambre incendiée était Ame CLAUSING. femme d'un Officier Américain, du Corps d'Occupation de Shanghai et résidant actuellement à l'adresse précitée.

Après 2 heures d'efforts, les pompiers, dirigés par Mr. le Commandant CHAPEAUX, purent maitriser le sinistre.

Les digâts sont assez élevés et ne sont couverts par aucune assurance. La maison incendiée est une pension de famille tenue par Mr. PULIAK.

Les causes de l'incendie n'ont pu être entièrement définies et paraissent être accidentelles. L'enquête n'a pas permis de relever quoi que ce soit de précis.

Le corps de Mme CLAUSING a été transporté à la morgue de l'Infirmerie Municipale où Mr. le Docteur VELLIOT a fait les constatations médico-légales. Il a délivré un permis d'inhumer qu'il a remis lui-même à Mr. le Lieutenant Américain Evans Fordyce Carlson, qui, avec nous assistait aux constatations.

Dans la soirée, le corps a été transféré à la morgue de Fearon Road, au Quartier International.

Les causes du sinistre n'ont pu être définies au cours des premières investigations. La Police Française, qui n'était saisie d'aucune plainte, n'avait pas qualité pour interroger l'auteur responsable de l'accident. Ce dernier étant Officier Américain, l'instruction a été ouverte par un Juge siégeant à la Cour Américaine./.

Signe : BARDY.

Form No. 2 G. 20000-1-23

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REPORT

(Confidential)

Date March 3rd 102d

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Verdict Returned By Jury In Frenchiown Fire Tragedy

A verdict in the case of the mysterious death of Mrs. J. G. Routh Loi Clausing, wife of an American Marine officer, yesterday was returned by a Ceroner's jury before Commissioner A. Krisel is the American Court. Death was naused, the jury found, by causes unknown. Thus ends an inquest which for the past week has held the centre of the news stage of Shanghai. Mrs. Clausing was found dead following a fire at 146A Route des Soeurs, a little more than a week ago.

The first red tongue of fiame from that fire, shooting up into a night sky and noted by passers-by, marked the beginning of a double tragedy which has stirred the foreign community. Within the burning house Mrs. Clausing was found dead—under circumstances that breathed of mystery. Lieut. Chausing, her heaband, was painfully burned. He died a few days inter in the Marine Hospital as the result of infaction from his

The verdict and findings of the fury read as follow:

"We, the jury, find that the body examined by us at the International Funeral Directors' Parlours at 71 Kinochow Road at 4.30 very much is

p.m., on February 25, to be that of Routh Lois Clausipg, a citting of the United States of Afficeries and that she came to her death in her spartment at 466Å Route des Soeurs between the hours of 11.18 p.m. of February 23, 1979 and 2.50 a.m. of February 24, 1979, through causes unknown. During this time a fire of unknown origin occurred in her spartment from the debris of which her charred remains were later removed."

The coreser then thanked the members of the jury as follows: "Gentlemen of the jury, the coroner fully appreciates the services that you gentlemen have been called upon to make. On being summoned as a jury you promptly laid aside your various businesses and responded to the duty of a jury in investigating the circumstances of this incount.

"You have very intelligently and theoroughly inquired into this matter. You have given a great deal of your time and attention to it and I am fally convinced that in reaching the verdict you have, that you have done so after a mature deliberation. Your, verdict, is approved and we desire to thank you very much indeed."

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Lieut. John G. Clausing Passes Away Suddenly At Marine Corps Hospital

USBAND OF VICTIM OF ROUTE DES SOEURS FIRE DIES FROM SCEPTIC POISONING FOLLOWING HIS BURNS

WAS TO HAVE TESTIFIED AT INQUEST

roceedings At U. S. Court Adjourned Until Next Tuesday; Witnesses Tell Of Party Held In Sinza Road Before Clausings Left

Lieutenant John G. Clausing, of the 4th Regiment, nited States Marine Corps, will not be called upon to testify the inquest at the U.S. Court on the charred body beeved to be that of his wife, Mrs. Ruth Clausing, which was covered from the scene of the fire at 148A Route des Soeurs at Sunday morning, Lieutenant Clausing died suddenly at Marine Corps, hospital yesterday evening, septicaemia, llowing burns received in the fire, being given as the cause death. He passed away at 5.15 p.m.

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Request for Witnesses to

Mr. Krisel, United States Commissioner and Coroner, in connection with the sad fatality in Route des Sciurs, would, we are asked to state, appreciate it if any person who witnessed the fire in question and believes he or she has any information of value, would homounicate with him of Dr. Sellett, the District Attorney.

A. C. (Pol)

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New Disclosures Made Regarding Death Of Mrs. Clausing

ENQUIRY ENDING

Testimony Of Husband. Now In Hospital, Not Yet Given

Before Coroner A. Krisel and a Jury in the U. S. Court for China, the public enquiry into the death of Mrs. J. C. Clausing, wife of First Lieutenant Causing of the U. S. Marine Corps, was resumed yesterday, and, after lasting all day, was again adjourned until this morning.

The Jury consists of Mesers C. H. Raven, George Fitch, E. C. Stoecker, Gard-ner Crane, A. R. Hager, and J. S. Potter. Dr. G. Sellett, U. S. District Attorney, conducted the proceedings.
An interested speciator of the

proceedings was Col. G. H. Lyman, commanding the 4th Regiment of the U.S. Marines, who occupied a seat on the Bench, and was frequently in close ourversation with Coroner Krisel.

COOK TESTIFIES

The cook of 1664. Ros ceurs testified that at preceding the Cleaning's buy or at 9.30 to prepare some d sent the witne about 3 o'elos e coolie calle him there was a fire h out to the garden as I stayed at the fre No. 1 house: I saw no bedy be out, and I have no knowled to how the fire started. I s person with learns."

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out of the right window, both of the winds/sex were open. He wore striped pyjames such as yes may see every day of your life. When I left he was standing outside the verandals rail with his back to chem. I am sure he was not wearing trossers. The fire could not have yeen caused by a courtain, widderly blazing. I saw the body witco out of the room and put on by verandals: It was in a blanker, it wil in trying to get the help to yet, it was not dropped at any

Will MESS ADVENTS CONSORMS.

The Coroner: Can you my whether & he brigness eases in assertion to you a call, because we have had setting by that the brigness was less outly he my a Present witness?

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The secure: You, that is a very

Vincent , Augustus Baher then took the its nd, and deposed that he lived in 1 he Entella Apartments on the fifth: 'Soor. 'I was awakened by my vit to on the increase in questoot, who' told me that the Fire Brigado had arrived and she was not sure that \$1 was not our building that was affected. From our bedroom winds we we can look down on to the Rou to des fleeters and the passage that I leads into the two buildings in que witon, and I actually saw that flames. When I went to the land! \$1 she Male MecCandless who sat 2 she was very much vexad becaute she had seen the fire in the e thy stages and the fire in the e thy stages and the fire in the could not get they tage to the exchange and she full that if she had been able to gut them surlies it might have saved the house. At that time, we didn't know there was anybody on the 's resembles. She did not mention about t meting anybody on the versandial.

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us there was only three or fourquart booties of boor, and no other halouicosting Bapaces were drunk that I mw. I have seen Mrs. Clausing se to a hideboard and drink, while other people were not drinking, but I did not see her do so on this occasion, although there were opportunities for her to do so. The Clausings left with me, and we all what to another friend's home arriving there about 6.28, where there was a party of 18 in all. We had Martim cockinis to drink there. I skeyed shout three quarters of an hour. The ledy with when I was with and mostil ight at about 7.38. We only had two or three cockinis each to drink, and at the time we left mether her, nor Mrs. Glessing were

"We then went to Capi. Snow's quarters, which are in the same house, shell life, and lifes. Chessing were also there, making a party of five. That was at about, I delest, and I left at \$20, and the Chapman about fifteen missies after we did. Not more than two quart heitles of hour was drunk, 65, which both life, and lifes. Chousing had

There was Deep and Vodks there on the dresser, ever in the ourse

Er. Selist: Have you any reason to believe that him. Clausing helpof herself to liquor at that thestr chints are her do it.

At the time you left, would we take Mrs. Chamsine was induction of or not!——dibe could fulk itself time time, but I should say it was not take much maps to make it inductabled. I have seen her dried ing before, and have seen her dried for make her intercebed, and it didn't take min to make her intercebed. I he nove known Lieft, Chansing as his wife to quarret or disagraphic, climating may anything also missie, although she has said the world mover leave Chine. The had different letter leave never knew world nover leave Chine. It had warfed to go sub to pirtles, a he didn't. I have never knew Lieft, Chamsing to drink so mai that he could nover leave Chine. There has do not rechange to he had lost nessency whilst in that condition. It, make the condition is every well as the condition of the hard of the had lost the hard the their than the had lost in the to condition the their stay nerticed has a very without the type of the motor without an entertained was not of the motor without accelerance, and the quired authorance to go up to be intered authorance to go up to the make in inference.

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"Last Saturday night at about 10 o'clock I saw Mrs. Clausing. The boy took her upstairs, helping the lady because she was drunk The master also was drunk, but better than the Missus. He could walk himself. I didn't see the Missus again. I went to sierp. and woke up hearing whistles. I looked out of the window and saw red so I went to the back door, and mw there were flame's bursuny through the windows of Mr. Claung's rooms. I woke up the cook I mw the Russian lady who live on the first floor in the hall. I um to put coal on the fires in Mr. Clausing's room There was coal in the coal geospiacle. I didn't see two carrying out another man or

George Polink testified that Mrs Hacquaird, after he had told her. and, showing her a watch, asked it is was hers. She cidn't know wh: the gentleman was, but she described the watch which he had lost. "I have heard what has been mid about two men carrying out another, but I have not the shightest idea as to who it could have

MORE ABOUT THE WATCH

Alexander Politik, sworn, stated that he first heard of Mrs. Hecquaird having seen someone with a watch that answered the description of his brother's watch. not pay much attention to it. but afterwards the told me she saw two men carrying out another man. I saked her if she had told the police, and she said: No ! heard Miss North Reuter testify yesterday, and her mother, about seeing the American, Lieut Clauring, while the fire was going or. and I heard on Tuesday about 1? c'clock the same thang from Mrs Hecquaird. I saw one or two policewhistling, and I heard a lo of noise of people outside, but I no tires in the vicinity of Lieut. Clausine's room, and I saw nobody go up to his room, I saw m fully dressed in a blue sutt or a blue sailor's uniform go u. to his room: I saw no person at any time; I saw no one around the house anywhere that would er the description of those three men---one being carried and two carrying him. I cannot account way for the story of two men carrying a third man. I heard from an elevation.

TELL IS THE TRUTH The Commer: We sek you to tell me all the truth. Is there nothing else that you now remember that you can tell us?--- I have told all the truch that I know.

We want to know all that you knew about this thing. Have you overlooked telling us something?---There were thieves, or robbers, in house No. 1 because the lock of one of the tenants rocms was broken: it was broken after he had left the premises, after the fire, but as far as I know nothing was stolen: there was an afterno to break a door in the attic of No. 1 house, but so far as I know there was nothing stolen in house

Are you sure that when you were up in your cousin's room at abo 11.30 you didn't hear any noise

You heard that Miss Reuter and her mother test fied that they heard noises in the direction of and that bu I didn't hear any such noises at any time that night

Miss North Reuter, who gave such important evidence yesterday was re-called for further question ing, and, in answer to the District Attorney, stated that when she first saw Lieut. Clausing, while the fire was going on, the brigade

had already arrived. Where was Clausing when rou fors: raw him?-Near the entrance gate: he had his hands in his poc kets, and he did not take them out of his pockets; I saw his burnt arms, and I do not recall his singlet as being stained or dirtied. It was not even burnt; it was a white

sleeveless one ADVICE TO CLAUSING

What conversation dd you have With him?-"I came up to him and I said: Are you the American man from apstairs?. He said: Yes. I said: Where is your wife? He said: She is out. What are you doing here you are all burnt up you ought to go and see a doctor at the hospi He, said; Alright. I will go, and he then left me.

You didn't ask him any questions?-No, nothing else Are you sure you saw him after

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sed that it was his the man was carried out, or be-close the rooms fore?—After.

The Corner: You said yesterday you heard noises in the direction of Clausing's room?-Yes, ever our head. It was about one hour after I heard them come in that I heard the noises.

Did you just hear one distinct noise, or dd it continue?—It conimued a little while as if things were falling down. There were loud hotses I am sure that those noises came from the top floor it was over our head before th fire took place, though how long before. I cannot estimate.

What did you think these noise you heard were?-I thought they were fighting, being intoxicates and not knowing what they were doing, there was rushing about the room: chairs falling over; all kinds of noises

DOCTOR'S TESTIMONY

J. A. Perez, Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine medical corps, testified that he had had 12 years experi ence, and had been in Shangha since 1928, and had kn: wn Lieut Clausing ever since he had been bere, but he did not recall his

"I saw him last Saturday morn ing", said the doctor," at abou 8.45 in bed in the regimental hospital. When I went on duty at \$30 I was informed by the pharmacist's mate of the day of what had happened. Soon after I went to his room and gave him a cursory examination; he was ther n bandages, which later on I manged. When I first saw him he was able to speak; he was mentally clear for a man who had received burnt injuries; he didn't scem to be under the influence of a drue. I asked him how he felt. and he said. Fretty well'. I didn' ask him how he got his injuries file wife was not mentioned at all; the impression I got was that he was rather calm. He didn't appear to be worried."

He did not ask me any open tions at all about his wife. About half an hour later I saw him egain, when I took all of the dressings off. Dr. Reid. also of the U.S. Navy, was with me at the time and assisted in the dressing. I saw him three or four times every day; the first time I saw all of his burns, and the second time only part of them."

District Attorney: Describe, as accurately as you can, just what his burns are. "The right hand was burnt on the dorsal side and the inner palm: there was one burn on each of three fingers, and a burn about the middle of the palm. The back of the whole hand is badly burnt, from the right side up to the shoulder. There no burns on the inner side if the arm. The hurns are what would be described as superficial. There was a rather severe burn on the back of the neck and the were slight burns on the back and face; the hair of the bead was slightly singed all over. All she dressing was on the upper part of the body.; there were no

borns on the front of the body." How do you think those burns were caused? From heat or actial a state of into contact with fire? I should my produced coma. Buprouse a me

taken from Lt. Clausing's budy and which was alleged to have been

Assumed that a man had those burns in the places and manner you have described, could be had been wearing this singlet, do you think? "No, if he had had this sirglet on it would have shown dgms of the burning."

Then you would think that he put the singlet on after he had sustained the burns? . Yes.

Look at the back of the six bout the place where the shoulder blade would be. What do you hink of that stain there? Possibly t is the exhudation from burns but there is a case of what looks ike skin attached to it. It is my pinion that Lt. Clausing could not have had this singlet on at the time e sustained those burns.

EXTRAORDINARY SILENCE At the first meeting when Lt lausing told you he was all right did he say anything to you as to for he received his inturies. Jothing. There was also no corerestion whatso yer at the second neeting, and on all the sub lays that I saw him he never neutioned his injuries to me and the rec never discussed with him his inuries por had any conversation ith him at all.

The Coroner: Didn't you hear invisory talk to him about his in-urles? I heard an officer talk to thm while I was there, and I underfood him to say that he didn't tnow why Mrs. Clausing had gone yet into the room. I didn't hear im say to the officer that he knew Wrs. Clausing had gone back to 'in room. I am not sure who the Goer was. Part of the top surace, extending to the back of the read, was singed, and his head would not have been so singed had he been lying on his back on a sillow, and if he had been lying on his ride it would leave a portion of his hair, on that side, unsinced ut I noticed that his whole head was singed. The fingers of the ight hand looked as if they had been bleeding. The burn in the ight raim might have been cause! 'ry getting hold of a hot door-knot or if he had got hold of an iron rod. I understood from him that the burn in the hand was due to trying to open something either a trunk or a locker.

SOME SUPPOSITIONS Dr. Sellett: Suppose a man were lying in bed saleep and the bed caught fire—such a fire as won be caused by a match or a circurette -no gasolene or anything like that about-do you think it pussible that a man in normal condition would not be awakened until he was burnt to the extent that you discovered Lt. Clausing was burnt?

I think he would have been arous-cd very much estiler.

Suppose Lt. Clausing had had a great deal to drink; that he had his last drink not lake then 9.66 p.m., and that he went- to bed a few hours later-and was arou by the fire about 2.15, or 230 a.m. -almost five hours later-do you under the influence of the lisses that he had taken five he before, that he would be no the extent that he would not be aroused by these flames, as turly as you would expect him to be?—I don't think so; I think the only way it could probably happen is that he should have been in such a state of intoxication as to have

Suppose a man life Lt. Class think that, because of the de-gree of the burns. had a large sussifity of liquor bad a large sussifity of liquor before 9 and 8.65, and he remained awake until, say, 12.50, and then

-It might take one or two hours it all depends upon the person. eds upon the person. considerable quantity to drink, so that, she was very stach intexicated.

ments, and after a paried of two or three hours she went to bed and then was subjected to this ord by fire; do you think it pos-that she might be burnt to di without even being aware there was fire?—I think it might

at hast as late as 11.207-I think it is possible that she was sain and in such a state that the fur in the room might over Could a man ruch three at ile meer cit thiw moor paier

finner. and only have his bade singuistral dan't think so; it all singed?—I don't think so; it all deplinds how fast he went through

ANOTHER WITHERS

Miss Edith J. C. McCandi rho, sworn, stated that she was Irish then gave evidence to the effect that abe was employed to the Hangkong & Shanghai Barking Corporation. "On Saturday I was out at the Majoutic and reached my room in the Estrella nests, on the corner of Re 1 m. I live on the 5th fie after 12 o'cleck we have to walk up. I was putting my bey in tobr, when I saw easing free home in the Court just below

MAN ON THE VERANDAR

"I steed there looking, and soon alterwipeds I saw a sum on the versadish to his prisons. He was whiteling; he was not shouling. He was trying to get over the valls. Since he succeeded in deing. but his was not able to get down. The mindew happened to be openwalt a minute, ran down the stairs, and new a lot of Chinese in the street, whom I taid to go to the and help. Then I run up-again, commet my door and trick to telephone. All this time the man was still whiching. 80 room as I get to m.y room. I went erted. Eventually I get on to reach Politic, "tation. and ents' but I could not find out. The man said he u stord, and in five 'min many any langue I don't know r he not away.

WOMAN'S SCREAMS "I heard a wom sard a woman scream two or times, but whether from lasts or not I touldn't say.

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"I was on my we and ah looking dut, and saw all the I have relat-ed: I could feel the heat, and ng all the time that I stayed cabout there, minutes—the man should julies, young. I saw every-thing very clearly. I did not see my body earried on; through the Dourt-yard. I could not see disthe versadah, and I thought he was a Chinese. When I saw the

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SUNDAY MORNING FIRE TRAGEDY

Sensational Testimony Given at U. S. Commissioner's Inquiry: Medical Evidence Concerning Alleged Injury to Mrs. Clausing's Skull

STRANGE STORY BY FELLOW LODGER

Question of Unconsciousness During Blaze Dealt with by Medical Men Under Examination

Marked by new and sensational | window. The unit immediately went testimony offered by witnesses, plus conflicting evidence introduced by minutes had the confligration under several spectators of the dramatic such control that ladders were happenings and a surgeon's de-position of findings that visibly stirred an already tensed court-room, the inquest on the body of burned beyond recognition in a fire at her home fire at her home on Sunday morning was resumed at the American Court for China yesterday before Com-missioner Alexander Krisel sitting as coroner and a jury composed of Mesers, Charles Raven, Gardner Crane, E. C. Stocker, John S. Potter, George Fitch and A. R. Hager. U. S. Attorney George Sellett conducted the case for the United States.

The first witness called at the morning session was M. M. Chapeaux, Commander of the Volunteer Fire Brigade of the French Con-cession who stated that a telephone message was received at the brig-ade headquarters at about 2.24 a.m. on the morning of the 24th inst. that a house at 146A Route des Sœurs was on fire. Witness pro-ceeded immediately with the first units under his command and found flames pouring from a third floor

such control that ladders were placed against the windows in the front of the house and Mr. Royere, Chief of the Fire Brigade ascended and entered the room. Special haste was made to get into the blazing structure as a youthful Russian had told him that a child had been left there by its parents.

The Body Discovered

On entering the room Mr. Royere found a body from which the legs were missing. He removed it to the verandah and soon after it was sent away in an ambulance to the French Mortuary. The witness could give little opinion on the origin of the fire as it was so intense as to obliterate all evidence.

Mr. Roygre then took the stand and corroborated the evidence of his predecessor. He stated that on entering the room he could not see. because of the smoke, but groped around and struck against the bed on which by feeling as best he could he came upon the body which he immediately picked up and took outside. He noticed the legs were missing and went back for them. One was on the bed and the other lying some severa! feet away. Whether the body struck anything while he was removing it he could not answer, but it was possible that it had, as the passageway was extremely narrow, and the space which he traversed was very dark. The room was badly gutted and he did not feel capable of giving any opinion as to the fire's origin because there was little left on which to base an opinion. He expressed the belief that it could have been caused by a lighted match, cigarette, or any similar lighted object.

Charred Almost Beyond Recognition

Dr. K. W. Nance was next called and told of having examined the body on Monday at the mortuary and having found it so badly charred as to be almost beyond re-cognition. The only part untouched by the flames was the back and he believed this to be because the body was on its back during the fire. The hands were detached and the legs were severed about the knees. He were severed ab stated it was the body of a W

a.c. (Pal) This seems a case of neuroles. St. Roberts:

Later in the day he returned for a closer emanination and found that part of the skull was missing, the frontal region was gone, and it was evident to him that this was due to having been burned away, confirming his belief because he noticed the edges were broken away and exposed fresh bone in one or two places. There was a fracture line running along the left temple and over the cychall and another fracture was found on the right side of the face.

On Theselay in company with Dr. Manion U. S. N., attached to the 4th Regt. Marines, he again examined the body and held still another investigation on Wednesday. On the latter day he wanted to bring part of the skull to Court to introduce as evidence but found that by the slightest handling it crumbled to pieces and he could not achieve his object.

No Explosion of Skull

The brain was completely expased and when questioned as to the possibility of the meisture inside the skull becoming heated and causing an explosion that would cause the fracture, he scouted the theory. He stated that the fracture over the left eye coald quits conceivably have occurred before the fire and it was his opinion that such a fracture could have been caused most likely by a heavy blunt instrument. He was not in agreement with a suggestion of the Jury that the fracture could have been caused by the fire or by the striking of the head against some hard object during its removal from the room.

As a means of identification he noted especially two gold-capped teeth and he knew the body was that of a woman but beyond that there was no way of identifying the remains.

Also he expressed as an impossibility the belief that anyone no matter in what degree of intoxication could have remained on a bed with a fire raging in the vicinity and said that the mere entry of smoke into the lungs which would recult in suffocation, would undoubtedly have caused the regaining of conac ounsess. He said the first evidence of suffocation was a violent coughing and this would tend to bring the person to the full power of his or her senses. He did not helieve that anyone could have force of character or determination enough to remain willingtr on a bed and be burned to death and he thought impossible the suggestion of suicide.

Dr. Manion was the next witness called and stated that he had active-

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